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### AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated 1/06/2005, the applicant hereby provides a set of claims compliant with 37 CFR 1.121. The applicant notes that at the time the amendment was filed, January 12, 2002, the amendment complied with all applicable USPTO rules. Thus, it would appear that the USPTO's three year delay in entering the amendment, rather than any action on the part of the applicant, provoked the Notice. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully states for the record that the response provided herein is simply intended to speed the examination process, and should in no way be interpreted as the applicant's agreement that the original amendment was in any way deficient, particularly with respect to any determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 USC 154(b).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.